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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister said that these coupe cuttings are auctioned and the contractors in turn sell it to agriculturists. Do the Government fix the rate at which these are to be sold to agriculturists and have the Government any machinery to see to that? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, as I said just a while ago in regard to Gingee coupe cutting, my information is that the price fixed for selling to agriculturists is one rupee per unit. But I have seen that no one has so far purchased from the contractor at this rate. Rather they are able to get at two annas or three annas per headload from smuggled goods."

9-30 a.m. DR. K. B. MENON :—" In view of the fact that it is so very essential for agriculture, will the Government allow headloads free as is allowed in some other States? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think it is practicable because it cannot be controlled."

SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that in Malabar the sale and the operations of forest coupes are regulated by certain conditions and rules stated in the contract agreement? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In view of the fact that while Malabar is rich in timber wealth, there is also extensive poverty, will the Hon. Minister see that these coupe cutting operations are done in small parcels instead of extensively so that the poor ryots may have a chance of buying small parcels for coupe cutting instead of allowing the big trader to knock away the whole when big areas are sold for coupe cutting? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall consider the suggestion but we have also to see whether this will not lead to abuses in a worse form."

State aid to the Kunnamangalam P.C.C. Society, Malabar.

* 232 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether he has received a memorandum, dated 24th August 1953, from the President and Secretary of Kunnamangalam Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society Employees' Association, Malabar, requesting the Government to help the society for its stable existence and prevent retrenchment of employees of the society; and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir. As the society has since decided to continue the foodgrains business, no action was taken on the memorandum."

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Sri K.•P. GOPALAN :—" സാർ, മലബാറിലെ പി. സി. സി. സൊസൈററികൾക്കു വമ്പിച്ച നഷ്ടം വന്നിട്ടുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടു് അവയെ മൾട്ടി പർപ്പസ് സൊസൈററികളാക്കുവാൻ—വിവിധ കച്ചവടങ്ങൾ നടത്തുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടു് അനുവാദം കൊടുക്കുമോ ? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am sorry I have not understood a word of what my hon. Friend has said."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that the P.C.C. Societies in Malabar are working at a loss, will the Government be pleased to direct that they can do the multi-purpose business also? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" In view of the fact that there is a drop in the purchase of grains by the card-holders and because of that, retrenchment will be necessary, have the Government any plan to provide work for those who are likely to be retrenched? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member will himself admit that retrenchment and cutting of pay are matters relating to the internal administration of the Society and I am afraid that the Government cannot interfere at this stage anticipating trouble."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Are the Government aware that the Supply Department officials like the Taluk Supply Officers and the District Supply Officers and other letters put together are interfering with the Provincial Credit Co-operative Societies and compelling them to make retrenchment even where the societies do not feel it necessary to retrench? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question may be asked, Sir."

Assignment of lands in South Kanara.

* 233 *Q.*—Sri M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the total extent of land assigned to the landless poor in the district of South Kanara;

(*b*) whether all the lands so assigned have been brought under cultivation; and

(*c*) whether the Government have given long-term loans to these assignees to bring their lands under cultivation?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) One thousand one hundred and twenty-six acres and twenty-five cents (1,126·25), Sir.

" (*b*) No, Sir.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir. In some cases long term loans amounting to Rs. 950 have been granted in Puttur taluk only."